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FAMILY RECORD OF OUR FARMERS

151 Years -- Beginning with the year 1800 and including the year 1961

Foreword

The writer gratefully acknowledges the assistance and cooperation, extended him by the following members of our family, during the many months we were gathering facts for this record:

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| Holand and Ruth Parmer | R. 6, Greensburg, Ind. |
| Ora and Margaret Parmer | Newpoint, Ind. |
| Ethel and Emerson Barclay | R. 6, Greensburg, Ind. |
| Clyde and Nannie Parmer | R. 6, Greensburg, Ind. |
| Myrtle and Westley York | R. 7, Greensburg, Ind. |
| Thea (Bakke) Parmer | Pekin, W. Dak. |
| Bert and Grace Paramore | 1255 Lawrence Ave., Indianapolis, In |
| Dysa (Harding) Thomas | 2002 Wilcox St., Indianapolis, Ind. |
| Jess and Irene Parmer | 1513 El Reno St., Elkhart, Ind. |
| H. E. "Martin" and Hazel Castor | R. 4, Tipton, Ind. |
| Phebe Parmer, Hughes | R. 1, Westport, Ind. |
| Mamie and William Mets | Newpoint, Ind. |
| Stella (Meek) Brunt | Galt, Mo. |
| Jesse and Orville Carpenter | Galt, Mo. |
| Lottie and Victor Shelton | R. 2, Trenton, Mo. |
| Vera and Carl Quinlan | Metamora, Ind. |
| Ralph Garrison | Metamora, Ind. |
| Evan (Potts) Morgan | Laurel, Ind. |
| Harry Potts | Laurel, Ind. |
| Delmar Fisher | 835 N. Beville Ave., Indianapolis, I |
| Leslie and Eleene Parmer | Batesville, Ind. |
| Ruby and Lester Wolber | R. 1, Laurel, Ind. |
| Norma and Edwin Buserhols | Brookville, Ind. |
| Mabelle Parmer | 832 W. 8th St., Anderson, Ind. |
| Paul and Eleamore Parmer | 755 Watson St., Grand Rapids, Mich. |
| John F. and Christine Parmer | 5426 University Ave., Chicago, Ill. |
| Isaac and Goldie Comley | Malden, Mo. |
| Gordon G. Fisher | 989 E Drive, Woodruff Place, Indianapolis, Ind. |
| Harrison R. Parmer | 6023 Egypt Valley, Rockford, Mich. |
| Edith "Peggy" Potts | Laurel, Ind. |
| Gordon G. Fisher, Jr. | R. 1, Bargersville, Ind. |
| Lon Garrison | Brookville, Ind. |
| Carrie Stephenson | 2042 N. Parker St., Indianapolis, In |
| Helen and Loren Murphy | Brookville, Ind. |
| Bernard Fisher | 1137 N. Euclid Ave., Indianapolis, I |
| Eunice and C. L. Bonham | Rt. 2, Anthony, Kansas |
| James Castor | R. 1, Atlanta, Ind. |
| Dorris and Merideth Patterson | Fairland, Ind. |
| Rose Comley Jones | Malden, Mo. |
| William Hobart Fisher | 1463 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, |

It is our pleasure to present you with this copy of our family record. In a sincere effort to record correctly, names, dates and relative positions, we have written many letters and made many personal contacts. Should you find mistakes, please correct them on your copy and be assured that we tried hard not to make them.

We have made no attempt to immortalize the Farmers. All we claim for ourselves is that we are just another American family of good average. However, for the benefit of the youngest generations now living and the future generations to come, the writer has taken the liberty to write into the record, bits of family history, in the form of complimentary facts, with regard to the vocations and personalities of most of those now deceased and a few of the oldest still living.

No mention has been made of character imperfections, because it is human to error and while we Farmers did and do have our share of human faults, we believe that the memory of these should be allowed to die with the body wherein they existed, while the memory of virtues should be kept alive forever.

Our objective has been to record in proper relationship, all Farmer names that our combined records and knowledge can prove a relationship, make a copy for each branch family, so that all of us may have a better knowledge of each other and leave that knowledge behind us, easily available to the Farmer generations that will follow.

We, therefore, start our record with Joseph Farmer, 1800 - 1867, and his wife Ruth Moody Farmer, 1798 - 1872, because their generation alone, can accomplish our purpose.

The Farmers, like most pioneer American families, were of English descent and they first settled in Virginia. Our present records and knowledge do not tell us where our first Joseph was born. In our extensive search in the early records of the three Indiana Counties shown on our map, we found mention of the following Farmer "unknowns":

Aaron Farmer was mentioned once in a land transfer record of Decatur County. In land transfer records of Franklin County, Guion J. Farmer was mentioned once, and Isiah Farmer was mentioned twice. In the very first land transfer records of Ripley County, a Charles C. Farmer was mentioned once.

No other mention was made in any of the records of any Farmer, other than our first Joseph or one of his known descendants.

Our first Joseph could have come to Indiana from Virginia with a covered wagon train, when a boy or young man, with some of the above mentioned men as brothers, maybe some as cousins or Joseph could have been born in Indiana with one of those other men as his father.

In any event, all except Joseph either died or moved out of this State, without leaving any descendants or any record or knowledge of any descendants here.

Hobart Farmer, writer
Rt. 7, Greensburg, Ind.

Joseph Farmer 1800 - 1867
Ruth ~~Moody~~ 1798 - 1872

Potts

M 27 Apr 1820
27 Oct 1872
Columbiana
Co. OH

Rough trail roads and slow transportation localized human activities, so that it was the usual practice in those days for men to court and marry within their own neighborhood. This leads us to believe that our Joseph settled in the circle section of our map, before his marriage, because it is a known fact that Ruth's Moody's pioneered the section of Decatur County shown within the circle on our map. We know that Joseph was a farmer, because in the early records of Franklin County, we learned that he bought 160 acres for \$400.00. The location given was the section of Franklin County shown in the map circle.

Probably we should modify a little, that part of our map page information, stating that Joseph and Ruth raised their family on this farm. The record states that he bought this farm, Oct. 17th, 1855, so actually their children were mostly pretty well grown by that time. However, various known facts lead us to believe that his children were raised in that immediate neighborhood.

Our combined knowledge and handed down information, can tell us nothing about Ruth Moody Farmer. However, we have known, personally, many of the Moodys that are now deceased. We know many of the Moodys who are now living in the same section where their early folks were "brooded."

If we can judge the character of the early Moody ancestors, by the character of their descendants now living, then we can be proud that Ruth Moody was our ancestor.

Joseph and Ruth's children: Rebecca. Jesse. Isaac.

It is a known fact that Joseph and Ruth also had two other sons, James and John. We believe from vague, handed down information, that they had still another son, whose name we have not been able to definitely establish, as yet. Also, in the early land transfer records of Decatur County, we found the name of Peter Farmer mentioned in the same deeds involving our Jesse Farmer. This leads us to expect that we may find with further research, that this Peter was also still another son of our Joseph and Ruth.

We know that James and John moved to Iowa and settled there when they were young men. Our John F. Farmer, grandson of Isaac, remembers that when he was a small boy, his great uncle John visited the Indiana relatives, bringing with him his wife, whose name was Sarah. Our James Castor, recalls the same visit and remembers that at that time, this great uncle told that his son had a high powered rifle that could kill wild ducks on the wing.

In our recent extensive searches in burial grounds, we found a grave stone in the old Ross cemetery, one mile south of Newpoint, Ind., a stone bearing the following, legible inscription: "Twin son of James and America Farmer, Died 1851, aged 1 year, 2 months and 23 days."

However, all contact between the above mentioned James and John Farmer and their Indiana relatives has been lost for many years. We intend to complete the record on these "lost" boys, but it may take us many months or even a few years, since at this time, we know nothing of any of their generations.

Since we now have the record completed on Joseph and Ruth's children, Rebecca, Jesse and Isaac and it alone is quite voluminous, it had been suggested by many of our family who have helped gather our information, that

we print and distribute copies of what we have now, then follow with the rest when we have it compiled.

Our Joseph and Ruth Farmer were buried in the old Boss cemetery near their home. Their plain, slab type grave stones are broken and laying on the ground, but the inscriptions are still legible.

The above map shows the original "brooding" place of our family, as of the start of the record. Our first Joseph and Ruth raised their family within the circle, southwest tip of Franklin County. Their son Isaac raised his family on the same farm. Their son Jesse raised his family within the circle, near Napoleon. Their daughter Rebecca raised her family in and around Metamora and Laurel, Franklin County. Many of Isaac's descendants still live in or near the circle. A few of Jesse's descendants live near the circle. Many of Rebecca's descendants still live in and around Laurel, Metamora and Brookville.

However, as you will notice by the addresses at the start of the record, many have settled and are raising their families far from the original "Brooding" place.

We will refer to this map from time to time in the record.

Rebecca Farmer 1822 - 1903

John Applegate 1817 - 1863

Tucked away securely in Franklin County's loftiest hills, is the old historical village of Metamora, Indiana. Early in the 19th century it's corn meal and flour mill, powered by a water wheel, was one of the very few in the state. Twice a year, spring and fall, men came here in ox carts

over rough trail roads, from distances requiring several days for the round trip. A man made canal connected Metamora with Brookville on the White Water river. Barges were pulled thru this canal by mules on the bank.

Rebecca Farmer married John Applegate, who was a native of this Metamora section. We find no records or handed down information, explaining "how come" our Rebecca found a husband so far from her father's house, but in view of the above mentioned historical facts and in an effort to brighten up a dull record, may we offer the following assumption:?

Probably in the spring of about 1841, our young and beautiful Rebecca, being of the age to be wantin' some boughten things, made the long journey to the mill with her father in his ox cart. She allowed as to how she could do a right smart o' browsein' around in the big one room "department" store at Metamora, while their grindin' was a 'gettin' done.

Maybe young John Applegate worked at the mill or maybe he drove his father's ox cart there with grain for grindin'. He beheld our beautiful Rebecca sittin' her ox cart. Her very long dress was still a wee bit short and a full inch of her pretty leg was showin' above her shoe top. John being a gentleman, looked away quickly and never looked again, — that trip — or did he?

Rebecca, no doubt, sneaked a peek, peek and a half or two peeks out from under her bonnet and noticed John's broad shoulders, his big shiny mustache and the ease with which he handled them there bag grain sacks.

They were both forcibly "hit" and each vowed to themselves that they would be sure to make the trip again, come fall.

Come fall. John looked again. Rebecca looked again.

Come Spring again. Rebecca looked again. John looked again and this time he noticed that our Rebecca also had a pretty face.

He asked her Pa and Ma. He asked his Pa and Ma. Of course, he also asked our Rebecca.

Back to facts again, they were married, settled and raised their family around Metamora and Laurel.

We have "heard tell" that Rebecca was a rather short woman, maybe a wee bit on the plump side. She had a very strong convictions and was willing to express her views whenever and wherever she thought they were needed. She had a very rugged constitution and even when she was at an advanced age, she insisted on taking her daily outdoor walk, regardless of the weather. Rebecca's cup of earthly bitterness runneth over. You will note by the record that her husband died in 1863, at the young age of 40. The same year she lost by death, her 3 year old daughter, Patience and her year old baby boy, Francis.

We feel sure that the soul, so sorely troubled then, is now enjoying the peace so richly deserved.

We know little of John Applegate, except that he was a farmer and owned a farm near the Laurel shown on our map.

Rebecca and John's children: James. Ruth. Joseph. Emma. Cassius. Patience. and Francis.

James Applegate 1843 - 1878
Mary E. Brannon

We can learn very little about James or Mary. We found their marriage recorded in 1878, Franklin County Court House, Brookville, Ind. You will note that James died the same year he was married. They had no children. We found James marked grave in the old cemetery at Metamora, but can find no record of Mary's birth or death.

Ruth Applegate 1848 - 1905
Stephen Potts 1839 - 1917

Ruth was a large strong woman of serious nature. Kind, but firm with her children. She was the neighborhood's best "nurse" and loved to work at it. Her greatest pleasure was "helpin' sick folks". Recently the writer stood in the home of her only living daughter, Ivan Morgan, Laurel, Indiana and looked at the large portrait of Ruth, hanging on the wall. The dark, character-showing, beauty was good to look at.

Stephen Potts was a farmer near Laurel and also the official teamster for the horse-drawn community hearse. He was an exacting and conscientious man and Ivan Morgan, recalled for us an occasion when her father was going to have to use a half broken colt in his team for a forth-coming funeral. He worried about it, fearing the behavior of the colt. However, due to the expert handling of Stephen or because the colt understood and respected the solemnity of occasion, it performed it's duty at the funeral, in a very commendable manner.

Their children: Nora. Frank. Clem. Ernest. Lura. Edith. Andrew.
Clara. Evan. and Harry.

Nora Potts 1868 - 1936
Lon Garrison 1862 - 1932

Nora was a dark, large, kindly woman like her mother. She was also kind but firm with her children. She was a wonderful manager, cook and hostess. The writer can well remember the very enjoyable visit that he had at her house when he was nine years old.

Lon Garrison was a kindly, quiet man of strong character. He was a farmer, also thrashing machine and saw mill operator. He was a hard worker and a good provider.

Their children:

Glenn Garrison - 1886 - 1926
Lettie Stant

Ralph Garrison
Mary Kreutzer

Carroll Glenn Garrison
Jeanie Kay "

The writer remembers Glenn as a big husky, good looking and very pleasant man. He was a farmer and like so many men of great strength, he overestimated his endurance and worked too hard. His health failed and caused his death.

Mary Belle Stuart

Helen Stuart
Loren Murphy

Robert Wm. Murphy

1887 -1940
Mabel Garrison (D)
William Stuart

Howard Stuart
Helen Quinlan

Eugene A. Stuart
Nancy Louise Stuart

(Continued)

Frank Stuart
(twin of Howard)

1887 - 1940

Mabel Garrison (D)
William Stuart

Carroll Stuart
Pearl Bravard

Briget Jean Stuart

Clifford Stuart
1. _____

Robert Stuart

Clifford Stuart
2. _____

Mary Ann Stuart

Mabel, like her mother Nora and Grandmother Ruth, was strong of body and character. She worked hard and managed well. She was very efficient as a household manager before her marriage, having the full responsibility at home for many years, because of her mother's failing health. She also had much of the dark beauty of her mother and grandmother.

Vera Garrison
Carl Quinlan

Charles Gringer Quinlan

Kenneth Wolber
Vera Hildebrand

Baby Garrison
Lester Wolber

Norma Wolber
Edwin Rasterholz

Shirley Irene Rasterholz

1896 - 1950

Bert Garrison (D)

Bert, a good natured, strong husky boy and man, never married. He was an electric appliance service man and dropped dead at his work, from a heart attack.

Lon Garrison, Jr.
Myrtle Shriner

Carrie Garrison
John Stephenson

Ruth Stephenson
William Soforic

On November 11, 1951, Ruth Stephenson, young singer and entertainer of Indianapolis, became the bride of William Soforic, also of Indianapolis. Our young Ruth elected to come back to the old historical church at Metamora to say her marriage vows. She is the great-granddaughter of our Ruth Applegate Potts and the great-great-great granddaughter of our Ruth Moody Farmer, first lady of our record.

The writer was privileged to attend this beautiful wedding and he thought how pleased our two ancestral Ruths would be, could they know that this young and vivacious descendant bearing their name, had come "back home" to be married.

Ruth and Stephen Potts (cont)

Frank Potts 1869 - 1936
Hattie Spencer

Frank and Hattie had only one child, which died in infancy. Frank was a

portly man, pleasant but of serious nature. He was a railroad trainman. Our descendants of middle age or older, who were raised in the circle section of our map, will recall a young Mr. Jim King, native of Newpoint, Ind. Jim, also a trainman, met a tragic death while at his work. Our Frank Potts was working with him at the time and helped carry Jim's broken body away from the accident.

Clem Potts 1871 -- 1946

1. Ona Rank 1882 - 1900

Clem was an ambitious, progressive minded man. He was a doctor of the Chiropractor profession and practiced in Daleville, Ind. for many years. His young, promising first wife, Ona Rank died soon after the birth of her child.

Their child:

1899 - 1950

Francis Everett Potts (D)

1. Dorothy G. Cord

Marion D. Potts

Lila O'Mary

Marion D. Potts, Jr.

Harriet Lee Potts

Dona Lee Dowell

Kenneth Bruce Dowell

Everett E Potts

Norma L. Tate

Sheryl Elaine Potts

Deborah Kay Potts

Terry Lee Potts

Francis Everett Potts (D)

2. Edith "Peggy" Scullen

Paul Francis Potts

Bertie Lou Wright

Michael Paul Potts

Patricia Doreen Potts

Betty Kathryn Potts

Jack Craft

Francis Everett Potts was an accomplished sportsman and loved to hunt and fish. He carried mail for several years, also was a store keeper. He was a veteran of World War I and died of engine heart.

Clem Potts

2. Ada Painter 1873

Their child:

Kathryn Potts

Gilbert Gentry

Ernest Potts 1873 - 1912

Nettie Shaw 1876 -

Ernest had rather poor health, so he went to Kansas when a very young man. The change of climate agreed with him to such an extent that he stayed, married Nettie Shaw, a native girl and lived the rest of his life there. His daughter Eunice answered our letter promptly, telling us that her father had not been in close contact with his Indiana relatives since leaving his home many years ago and that she knew very little about the rest of us. She said she would be so very glad to get a copy of our record.

Ernest and Nettie's children:

Harold Potts (D)

(died in infancy)

Hallie Brown

Inez Cowles

Patsy Jo Brown

Rita Faye Brown

Duane Brown

Lois Brown

LaVerne Brace

Carrel Brace

Dennis Brace

Zenith Potts

Alvah Brown (cont)

Zanith Potts
Alvah Brown

Marie Brown
Everitt Coopenider

Kent Coopenider

Gladys Brown
Gleam Trotter

Bonda Trotter
Vickie Trotter

Galen Bonham
Luetta Waggoner

Harice Potts
C. L. Bonham

Kathleen Bonham
Joyce Bonham
Yvonne Bonham

Raymond Potts
Vivian Patterson

Leola Jean Potts Robert Allen Thomas
Robert Thomas

Janet Mae Potts
Charles Leroy Potts

Fern Lorene Potts (D)
(died in infancy)

Lura Potts 1876 - 1877

Edith Potts 1878 - 1948
(never married)

Andrew Potts 1880 - 1947

Andrew left his Indiana home and settled in Illinois when he was a young man. He married, but as he did not keep up a close contact with his folks at home, they have no knowledge or record of his wife. They do know however, that Andrew and his wife had no children.

Clara Potts 1882 - 1902
(never married)

Evan Potts 1865
Joe Morgan

Evan and Joe have no children. They live at Laurel, Indiana. She and her brother Harry, also of Laurel, are the only two children of Ruth and Stephen Potts that are still living. They are also the only living grand children of Rebecca and John Applegate. The writer is very grateful to both Evan and Harry for had it not been for them, compiling the record for Rebecca would have really been a difficult job.

Harry Potts 1898
(has never married)

Rebecca and John Applegate (cont)

Joseph Applegate 1852 - 1877
Mary Burris

We were able to learn little of this Joseph and Mary. We found their marriage recorded, Sept. 2, 1873. You will note that Joseph died only 4 years after his marriage. They had no children, because Evan Morgan has "heard tell"

many times that her mother, Ruth and Ruth's brother, Cassius, were the only children of Rebecca Parmer Applegate that had children. We could find no record or knowledge as to the birth or death of Mary Burris.

Emma Applegate 1854 - 1881
Will Hewitt

We can learn nothing of Emma and Will, except of course that they had no children. Evan Morgan, neice of Emma, has in her possession a silver spoon, given to Emma by Will and engraved "To Emma from Will".

Cassius Applegate 1858 -
Della Murry 1868 - 1911

Cassius taught school at Metamora for several years. Della Murry was a Metamora girl. They had only one child, Arthur, born 1887 and died 1910, with T.B. He never married. We found the birth of Cassius recorded in the Murry family Bible at Metamora, but his death is not recorded there or in the County records at Brookville. We could find no marked grave of Cassius in the old Metamora cemetery where we found the graves of Della and Arthur.

It is believed that after the loss of his wife and only child, in the space of one year, that Cassius moved away from his home in Metamora and died where he was little known. Our James Castor seems to have "heard tell" that Cassius died at Elwood, Indiana.

We recently talked with two of his pupils, a Mr. William Jones, 82 and a Mr. Otis Murry, 84, but we did not quiz these "boys" about Cassius very much because as you know "school kids" are very likely to give biased information about their teacher.

Patience Applegate 1860 - 1863

Francis Applegate 1862 - 1863

Joseph & Ruth Parmer (cont)

Jesse Parmer 1826 - 1904
Matilda Martin 1830 - 1888

Jesse was a "little dab" farmer, but was a cooper by main trade. He was a good "corner man". That was a term used in log house building for the man who stood on the inside of a corner and "axed" the proper notches in the logs after they had been raised to their position in the building. He was a soldier in the Union Army, but saw no active service. That he was enthusiastic about the Northern cause can be gathered by the names of his three youngest sons. He was a hard worker, strict discipline. He had very little education. He was a rugged, stern-faced individual and about the only time he seemed happy was when he was playing his treasured grind organ or when any Republican got elected to any office.

A Mr. George Crow, living at Napoleon, still has in his possession, a barrel made by Grandpa Jesse. Mr. Crow is 92 and the barrel might be about the same age.

Our records and handed down information can tell us little of Matilda, except that she was a frail, gentle woman, unassuming and quiet. She was very

capable and was also thoroughly good.

Their children: Lottie. Isaac. Rebecca. Dudley. Sherman. Grant. Sheridan

Lottie Farmer 1852 - 1922

Charlie Brooks 1856 - 1934

Lottie was an attractive and lovable woman. Nervous disposition, wonderful cook and housekeeper. Charlie Brooks was everybody's friend. He farmed in a small way and operated a horse-drawn "hack" between Napoleon and Greensburg, Ind. for many years. They lived near Napoleon all their lives and had no children.

Isaac N. Farmer 1855 - 1936

Phebe Thackery 1870

This "Ike" was a good farmer, but did work some in early life, helping his uncle Ike and cousin Joe thrash grain and saw lumber. Like his father, his education was limited and he was stern-faced the most of the time, but he would occasionally break down and enjoy a joke. He was a hard worker and a good provider. Phebe, from another good old pioneer family, was everything. (Of course, I'm prejudiced) She lived a good life herself and worked hard to make one for her children. Bless her heart, she's my Mom, still living at 81 and in good general health.

Their children:

Gordon Fisher, Jr.

Opal Ash

Shirley Fisher

Delmar Fisher

Lois Fisher

Helen Pope

Roberta Sue Fisher

1892 - 1923

Bessie Farmer (D)

Gordon G. Fisher

Bernard Fisher

Richard M. Fisher

1. Ruth Johnson

Bernard Fisher

Pamela Fisher

2. Virginia Lee Higby

William Hobart Fisher

Bessie Cheron Fisher

Cheron Munday

William Clyde Fisher

Tyron Fisher

Bessie Farmer was very studious and conscientious. She probably liked her work too much and did it too well, for she suffered a general break down in health soon after the birth of her last child and died at the age of 31.

Helen Bourne

Norma Jean Iles

Jack Iles

Jackie Iles

Hazel Farmer

Lee Bourne

Marjorie Bourne

Carol Vansickle

Foy Vansickle

Barbara Vansickle

Bobbie Vansickle

Hobart Farmer

Minnie Collins

Child died in infancy

Dorris Davis

Ivan Gill, Jr.

1. Ivan Gill

Janis Marleen Starkey

Stella Farmer

Edgar Davis (D)

Doris Davis

Chas. Leo Starkey

2. Marlin Starkey

Sharon Marie Starkey

Stella Parmer
Edgar Davis (D)
cont.

Gerald Davis
Barbara Altman

Joyce Davis

~~Joseph Davis~~

Martin Bruce Parmer

1908 - 1948
Martin B. Parmer
Frances Kain

Martin B. Parmer was a very likeable man. Grew to be extra large, 6'3" and weighed about 243 lbs. Having had only a common school education to start with, he finished in Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, Mich. after he was a grown man. He settled in New Jersey and married Frances Kain, a girl native of that state. He died suddenly at the age of 40, by heart attack.

Joseph and Ruth Parmer, cont.
Jesse and Matilda Parmer, cont.

Rebecca Parmer 1857 - 1932
George Meek 1849 - 1938

Rebecca Parmer was a kind, soft spoken, quiet and unassuming woman. George Meek had an athletic build and straight soldierly bearing. He was a good boxer and wrestler when young and was still quick and graceful of movement when he was 70 years old. He and Rebecca moved from Indiana to Missouri in a covered wagon soon after their first child Molly was born.

Their children:

1880 - 1942
Molly Meek (D)
Lesodry Brunt

Clifford Brunt (D)
Ethel Brunt (D)

Lee Brunt Robert Lee Brunt
Gertrude West Richard Dean Brunt

Molly favored her mother some in looks, but more in action. She was a very kindly woman. Worked hard and remained pleasant. She lived most of her married life on a farm near Calt, Mo., but the last few years in Trenton. She had arthritis for several years, which resulted in her death.

Stella Meek
Jess H. Brunt

Vickie Sue Rank
Billie Don Rank
Jacquelyn Ann Rank
Joy Marie Rank

Jessie Matilda Meek
Orville Carpenter

Edith Carpenter
Victor L. Root

Roy Leon Root

Cecil Carpenter
Dale Hutton

Russell Carpenter
Vera Plattner

Lorraine Carpenter Terry Tippie
Willis F. Tippie Bernice Tippie

Marjorie Louise Carpenter
1922 - 1924

Jan Wayne Fields
Mary Lee Carpenter Joyce Fields
Beverly Fields Jerry Fields
Jimmy Fields

1892 - 1914

Dale Meek (D)

Cyrissa Maloney (D)

Robert Leroy Meek

Blandhe Wanda Brocley

Mary Jane Meek

The short life of Dale Meek seemed to be destined for tragedy. When a small boy and he and his parents were visiting in Indiana, he lost himself in a woods during a snow storm. A large party of men searched for him all night. From his hiding place in a hollow log, he heard their calls, but in his fright, thought "Indians" were after him and he would not answer. When they found him at day break, he was in a serious condition from cold and shock.

When he was 22 and the father of a small son, he and his wife's brother 23 were working in a wood silo, helping to fill it. The season was dry and sparks from a wood burning steam engine set fire to the silo schute. The fire spread so quickly that Dale and Roy Moloney died of burns and suffocation before they could be rescued.

In October 1951, this writer stood in the well kept cemetery at Galt, Mo. and was impressed by the mutual respect and understanding that the two families had shown each other, by laying the boys side by side and choosing beautiful, identically matched grave stones for them.

Lottie Meek

Victor Shelton

Madeline Shelton

Rodney Norbert

Jesse & Matilda Parmer cont.

Charles Dudley Parmer 1863 - 1899

Addie Smith

1866 @ 1947

"Dud" Parmer was a good-natured, fun-loving man. Worked mostly at farm work, but we are told that he was also good with painting and carpenter work. Addie Smith was an attractive woman, also good-natured. She was a hard worker and a good household manager. They lived their short married life at Glenwood, Ind. where ~~di~~ Dud died at the age of 36.

Their children:

Twins:

Ray and Roy Parmer (D)
died in infancy

Cora Parmer (D)
died in infancy

Harrison R. Parmer
Lena Powell (D)

Loretta Parmer (D)

Edward Parmer
Betty Trowbridge

Ralph Parmer
1. Kaptola DeLonge

Ralph Parmer
2. Lottie Mroz

Paul Parmer
Eleanore Ambroski

Edward Parmer, Jr.
Larry Parmer
Carolyn Parmer
Charleen Parmer
Gregory Allen Parmer

Beverly Parmer
Loretta Parmer
Donald Parmer
Robert Parmer

Judy Ann Parmer

Janis Kay Parmer

Sherman Parmer was a good looking man and always worked hard to stay that way. He was very particular about his clothes and person. He worked mostly as a farm laborer but was a small trader in jewelry, bicycles novelties. He was of nervous and excitable nature, never seemed to relax and never was content to be in one place very long. While he never married, he appreciated woman very much and it pleased him to believe that women liked him.

His nervous energy finally resulted in a nervous breakdown, which resulted in a broken mind and body. He died in the mental hospital at Madison, Ind.

Grant Parmer 1868 - 1932
Belle Lee 1866 - 1948

Grant Parmer was a huge lovable man, over six feet and weighing around 230 or 240 lbs. He always enjoyed himself and wanted those around him to enjoy themselves too. He devoted most of his life work to steam boilers and engines.

Belle Lee was a small, pleasant woman and one of the world's best cooks. They were both born near Napoleon, Ind. and lived in Decatur County, Ind. most of their lives. They lived a short time in Indianapolis, Ind. Also a short time in Montreal, Canada.

Their children:

Leroy Parmer
1890 - 1890

Rachel Parmer
1891 - 1931

Rachel Parmer chose a business career instead of Marriage. She took her special training in Indianapolis and worked as a secretary there for several years. Later, she held a responsible position in the administration office of a large New York City Department store.

The strain of her work caused a nervous breakdown which resulted in her death.

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| Jess N. Parmer | J. Norman Parmer |
| Irene Tresler | Bessie Peterson |

Sheridan Parmer 1873 - 1941
Hannah Heimseth Hughes 1873 - 1944

"Sherd" Parmer was a very likable, fun-loving man. He was the clown of the family, always trying for laughs and always getting them. He could turn his hand to most any kind of work and do a good job, but he was a master with house paint and brushes. Painting buildings inside or out, was his favorite work.

Hannah Hughes was a frail looking, but very capable woman. She was a very hard worker and a good household manager.

Their child:

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| Leslie Parmer | Patty Jo Parmer |
| Irene Schene | Dona Kay Parmer |
| | Connie Lee Parmer |
| | Kindra Sue Parmer |
| | Leslie Dale Parmer |
| | Jan Thomas Parmer |

Jesse and Matilda Parmer's sons; Isaac, "Dud", Sherman, Grant and "Sherd" had a "dance band", consisting of mouth organ and "fiddles".

They played a lot of wedding dances, which in those days were held in barns and graneries. A few years ago, we were told by a Mr. Edward Tappmeyer, then 84, now deceased, that these Parmer boys played for his wedding dance in the year of 1881. He said when the hour got a little late, Grant and "Sherd", then only 13 and 8 years old, fell asleep between dances. Our informant said however, that when they were ready to play again, the older boys just "woke up" the youngsters and the dancing and the napping went on and on.

Joseph and Ruth Parmer cont.

Isaac Parmer 1834 - 1924

Clarisa Shouse 1832 - 1904

Uncle "Ike" was a farmer, acquiring the home farm of his father, Southwest tip of Franklin County, shown in the circle on our map. He also pioneered thrashing machines, operating first with horse power, then with a steam engine that had to be moved from place to place with horses and finally with the traction steam engine. He was a snappy, small like man, jovial, witty and fun-loving. He had a great sense of humor and enjoyed laughing. He had a laugh all his own, he just opened his mouth wide, made very little noise, but did most of the laughing with his eyes. His face was good to see, while he was doing it.

He always wore a neat kept beard. His grandson Ora Parmer, recently recalled for us, some handed down information to the effect that when Isaac cast his first vote, he was hardly old enough, but as he was wearing a sizeable beard at the time, the election board did not question his age. His two brothers who really were old enough, voted the same day and the board challenged them and made them prove their age.

We are willing to bet that Uncle Ike "kicked that one around a lot", with his mouth open and his eyes laughing.

The Shouse family also pioneered in the section shown by the circle on our map. The writer's mother, 81, was glad to tell us about Aunt Clarisa. She tells us that she was a very unusual woman. Sweet and gentle, yet strong and fearless. Pleasant yet serious. Left all the comedy to her capable husband. She was the healthy outdoor type and was an accomplished horse woman in ~~for~~ her young and middle life, riding as was the custom for woman in those days, with a side saddle and the regular long and flowing skirt, over the conventional half dozen petticoats. Oh brother! You had to have a lot of skill in those days to ride a horse and be a lady at the same time.

My Mom, who was a good rider too when young, but had to do most of it without the luxury of a saddle, remembers well what a thrill she got when she would occasionally get a ride on Aunt Clarisa's side saddle.

Isaac and Clarisa's children: Elizabeth. Joseph. Louisa. Isaac. Martha. Willie B. Silas. Rose. Dolpha. Arla May.

John F. Parmer and his sister Mamie, have handed down knowledge that Isaac and Clarisa also had three other children that died as infants, but we can find no further knowledge or records as to names and dates.

Elizabeth Parmer 1856 - 1940
James Castor 1855 - 1926

About 2 miles south of Newpoint, on our map, is a small settlement with a name not on our map. It is New Pennington, but "we-uns" around here usually drop the "New" and just say Pennington. It was founded about ten years before the Civil War, by a family living there named Pennington. For many years it had a school house where many of the Farmers received their common grade education. It also had a church, which figured prominently in church affairs in this section for miles around.

One of the Penningtons was a Dr. Eli Pennington, whom we are told was a very famous doctor at that time. Incidentally, during our research we found a deed recorded in the Decatur County Court House, Greensburg, showing that this Dr. Pennington bought 80 acres from our Jesse Parmer, in 1851, for \$300.00. (We never did find out what the heck Doc done with the 79 acres he had left over after he'd made Pennington.)

The Castor family also pioneered in this section. Their James married our Elisabeth and they started house-keepin' near Pennington. They farmed here for several years, then in 1895 the moved upstate to the better farm land of Tipton County, where they lived the rest of their lives.

"Liz" Parmer, strong of body and character, worked well, lived well and laughed well. She was much like her sister Lou, who is described a little later in the record. Jim Castor was a big jolly man, who worked hard and what was more he seemed to enjoy it.

Their children:

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| | Everett Castor | Pamela Kay Castor |
| | Dorothy Mahn | |
| James Castor, Jr. | Salome Castor | Jimmie Henderson |
| Rosa Hardig | Leroy Henderson | |
| | Herschell Castor | Shirley Castor |
| | Thelma Lively | Beverly Castor |
| | Cynthia Hobbs | Cynthia Warner |
| | 1. Walter Warner | Andria L. Warner |
| Clara Castor | | |
| Martin H. Hobbs | Cynthia Hobbs | Candy Graham |
| | 2. Harry Graham | |
| | | Philip Burket |
| | Dallas Burket | Duane Burket |
| | Mary Greene | Betty Burket |
| Maude Castor | | |
| Charles Burket | | Marilyn Burket Laurence Lynn Bondermole |
| | Ralph Burket | Bernard Bondermolen |
| | Louise Johnson | |
| | | Conrad Burket |
| | | Barbara Jean Griner |
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| | | Sharon Ann Burket |
| | | Dianna Burket |

Maude Castor
Charles Burket
cont.

Donald Burket
Julia Dodd

Donald Gene Burket Stephen Robert Burket
Norma Porter Debra Lynn Burket

Joyce Ann Burket
Phyllis Burket
Richard Leo Burket
Robert Mac Burket

Harold Parrish (D)

Helen Parrish
Fred Cook

Max Cook
Phyllis Ross

Gertrude Castor
Oliver Parrish

Clara Parrish
Russell Hoover

Roberta Jean Hoover
Charles Copher

Shirley Faye Hoover
Jeffery Hoover

Innes Castor (D)

William Castor
Maude Warner

Leona Castor
Kenneth Hughes

Key Hughes
----- Mawk

Kenna Mawk

Elizabeth Castor
James Smith

James Smith (D)
Jerry Smith
Permalyn Lynn Smith

Charles G. Castor
Esther Wilburn

Charles Castor, Jr.
Evalyn Castor
Beth Castor

Ilene Castor (D)
Hermit Kirby

Walter Isaac Castor
Captola Walser

Glenn Castor
Iris Hobbs

Sue Carol Castor
Rex Edwin Castor
Edward Castor
Betty Lou Castor
Mickey Castor
Walter Glenn Castor
Mary Ann Castor

Wayne Castor
Pauline Freeman

Betty Castor
David Julius

Michael Lawrence Julius
Hal Julius

James Castor
Phyllis Sims

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| Elna Mae Castor | Nancy Mae Lawlor |
| Charles E. Lawler | Lucretia Sue Lawler |
| | Joseph Daniel Lawler |
| | David Vance Lawler |

Frank H. Castor (D)

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| Lilly Terwilliger | Charles Edward Castor | James Douglas Castor |
| | Mary Nevlin Halinin | Frank Harrison Castor |

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| | Sharon Louise Sims |
| Eather Marie Castor | Dana Christine Sims |
| Charles Edward Sims | Douglas Kent Sims |

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| June Ellen Castor | Bonita Kay Herron |
| Daniel F. Herron | |

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| | McGretta Castor |
| Bert Castor | Paul Doversberger |
| Fern Miller | Bobbie Doversberger |
| | Garnet Castor |
| | James Melson |
| | Kimmie Nelson |
| | Robert Castor |
| | Thelma Church |
| | Sharen Castor |

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| | Kenneth Brown |
| | Innes Ertel |
| | Charles Brown |

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| Laura E. Castor (D) | Gretchen Brown | John Weismiller |
| Archie Brown | Edgar Weismiller | Richard Weismiller |

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| | Carol Brown | Carolyn Sue Seeley |
| | Hubert Seeley | Billie Seeley |
| | | Child who died in infancy |

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| | Jack Brown | Ellen Brown |
| | Martha Havens | Sidney Brown |

H. E. "Martin" Castor
Hazel Hobbs

Joseph Farmer 1858 - 1934
Sarah Scott 1858

Joe was a farmer, but like his father, he had a greater love for thrashing machines and lumber mills. He was a stout built man, jovial and kindly "devilish". He had a wonderful sense of humor, which he never out-grew.

Sarah, a slender and graceful woman, just seemed to fit in perfectly with a husband, six rugged sons, two daughters, a farm and a bunch of thrashing machines and saw mills. Her willingness and unusual stamina made her equal to any occasion and won her the respect and admiration from all that knew her and her capabilities. Bless her poor tired old heart. As of this November 27, 1951, she is still clinging to a life that has lasted almost 94 years.

They raised their family in the circle on our map. Their farm included the converging point of the three counties, a part of it being in each of the counties.

Joseph Parmer
Sarah Scott
(cont.)

Walter Eugene Parmer
Helen Kilvert

Walter E. Parmer, Jr.
Paul Kilvert Parmer
Mary Helen Parmer

Clyde Parmer
Nannie Harding

Hoyte Parmer
Ethel Westerfeld

Nancy Elizabeth Parmer
Michael Lee Parmer

Ora Parmer
Margaret Colson

Lester Parmer
Irene Graves

Richard Parmer
Evelyn Westerfeld

Bertis Parmer
Eneba Kemper

Janit Parmer
Doris Parmer

Elsie Parmer
Edgar Evans

Teddy Evans
Betty Evans
Wayne Evans
John Evans
Leslie Evans

Claude Parmer
1885 - 1920

Claude never married. He served in World War I, with Co. F., 32 Reg. He was a powerful, heavily muscled man and was boxing champion of his Company, when training at Camp Taylor, Ky. He was quiet and well mannered. He was a construction engineer and met his untimely death by an accident with a pile-driver, near Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sara Margaret Parmer
Joseph Frank Foems

Michael Joseph Foems
Beatrice Sara Foems

John Forrest Parmer
Christine Elizabeth Meyer

Mary Elizabeth Parmer
John Charles Parmer
Jeanne Claudette Parmer
Jerome Forrest Parmer

Roland Parmer
Ruth King

Dorothy Parmer
Roland Phillips

Charles Forrest Parmer
Ruth Ella Johnson

Billie Joe Parmer
Emma Nuss

Bertis Parmer
Bonnie Writch

Thomas Roland Parmer

John Parmer

Joseph and Sarah Parmer (cont.)

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| | Thelma Sylvia Parmer | Andrea Rae Gurke |
| | Adolph Gurke | Viola Jeanie Gurke |
| 1893 - 1935 | | |
| Joseph "Little Joe" Parmer | Warren Claude Parmer | |
| Thea Bakke | Ethel Homme Domeier | |
| | Viola Parmer | |
| | Joseph F. Parmer | Robert Joseph Parmer |
| | Carol Vanteck | Stephen Darrel Parmer |
| | | Bruce Allen Parmer |
| | Levi Quentin Parmer | |
| | Ruth Hawes | |
| | Dwayne Dennis Parmer | |
| | Russell Gary Parmer | |

"Little Joe" was a strong athletic boy and man. He excelled in baseball in his youth and still played a good game after he grew to be a man. He settled in North Dakota, married Thea Bakke, a native of that state. He carried on the family tradition by operating his own thrashing outfit for many years. He died of gangrene after a very short illness.

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| | Emerson Barclay, Jr. | Stephen Barclay |
| | Charlotte Beason | |
| Ethel Parmer | Ouida Barclay | Pamela Westerfeld |
| Emerson Barclay | William Westerfeld | Barclay Westerfeld |
| | | Brian Westerfeld |
| | | Penelope Jane Westerfeld |
| | William Joseph Barclay | |
| | Viva O'Donald | Paula Sue Barclay |
| | Dona Barclay | |
| | | Billie Jake Tucker |
| | Claudia Jane Metz | Deborah Ann Tucker |
| | Clinton Tucker | David Clinton Tucker |
| Mamie Parmer | George William Metz | |
| William M. Metz | Frances Gould | |
| | Arthur Lovell Metz | |
| | Marilyn Carol Metz | |

Jack and Queen

In the very early part of this 20th century, the writer and many other small country boys, were thrilled and fascinated by a pair of very unusual mules, owned by Joe and Sarah Parmer. It is because of the lasting memory they have left with us and because we believe it would have pleased Joe, that we give them "honorable mention" in the record:

Jack, a brownish black, and Queen, a dappled gray when young, turning to all white as she aged, were larger than average for mules. They were about even in height with Queen a little the heaviest. Like their owner, they "farmed" and never complained, but they loved to thrash grain. They pulled the water wagon for the steam engines. They knew exactly what they were supposed to do and they did it, many times without being told. They gee-ed, phaw-ed and backed by word command alone. When the "rig" was coupled up and started to move to another farm, Jack and Queen "automatically" fell in the followed behind. They would stop well out of the way until the rig was set up ready to thrash, then a word from Joe or one of the boys and they would bring the tank wagon to it's proper place along side the engine.

When unhitched from the wagon at night and turned loose, they would hunt their own drink, then walk around the strange barn and if they found an empty stall with the door open, they walked in and made themselves at home.

It cannot be definitely established whether the Farmers taught these mules to thrash or whether it was these mules who taught the Farmers.

On Sunday, when Jack and Queen were brushed off extra special, put in light double harness and hitched to the surrey with the fringe on top, they pulled the family to church with all the poise and dignity befitting the occasion.

That was Jack and Queen. May they rest in peace.

In connection with Joe and Sarah's farm laying in all three counties, and the old Jack mule, who survived Queen by several years, we can relate an unusual incident that occurred in 1920. When Joe and Sarah left the farm and moved into retirement, their son Bol farmed the home place for several years and the writer worked for him as a farm hand. We were working old Jack and a half broken 3 Yr. colt to a land roller. They pulled a run-a-way. Of course, good old Jack hated to do such a foolish thing, but the big strong colt forced him to go along "just for the ride". They ran less than a quarter of a mile, before being stopped, but they were in all three counties during the run.

Louisa Parmer 1859 - 1909
Charles Paramore 1856 - 1925

The writer remembers "Lou" as a beautiful woman, radiant with health. My mother tells us that Lou stayed with her when this writer was born. She told us to such a length how beautiful, how good and how pleasant Lou was and how she enjoyed her company at that "tragic" time, that we gather it was a big relief to Mom to look away from an ugly baby and look at Lou.

The writer never saw Charles Paramore, but has been told by many that he was a very handsome man who wore clothes well.

Their children:

1884 - 1943

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| Arch Paramore (D) | Doris Paramore | Keith Patterson |
| Mary Arnold | Meridith Patterson | |

Arch Paramore was a slender, wirey and extremely pleasant fellow. The "Million dollar smile" was definitely part of his standard equipment. He was

a telegraph operator all of his mature life. Voices of authority tell us that he was also very mischievous when a small boy. His "jack pot" maneuver was when he set fire to his grandpa Isaac's straw stack. However, this was a much bigger deal than he expected and badly frightened at the big blaze, he ran to his grandma Clarice, clung to her dress and gave out with a real crying confession. He died of Coronary Thrombosis, heart.

Loren York
Mary Wolfe

Emily Sue York
David Robert York

Myrtle Paramore

Westley York Elsie York
 John Thielking D

Mary Len Thielking
Carl Harvey Thielking

Frank Paramore D
Ema Kincaid

Shirley Ann Paramore Marsha Ann Phillips
Jack Phillips Jay Phillips

Bert Paramore
Grace Coleen

Lois Joan Paramore
Larry Gorton

STEPHEN
JEFFREY
MARK

William Dennis Paramore
Gail Johnson

BRUCE
TIMOTHY
DENNIS

Burney Paramore
Dorothy Parker

Richard Dale Paramore (1930 - 1932)
Charles Lee Paramore Randall Kevin Paramore
Darlene Bude Richard Dale Paramore
 Russell Keith Paramore
 Ryan Craig

Marjory Claire Paramore Christine Carole Hart
James Alan Hart Gail Marie Hart

June Castle Paramore
Arthur Albrecht

Arthur Albrecht h2, Jr.

Isaac J. Farmer 1861 - 1904
Annie Highman 1865 - 1937

This Isaac was known as "Little Ike" Farmer. He was also a farmer, thrasher, and saw mill man. A short stout built man, he was pleasantly quiet and a hard worker. He died with a cancer on his jaw and the writer has "heard tell" many years ago, that this cancer was caused from an injury that he received in the lumber mill.

The Hickmans were prominent pioneers of Decatur County, section shown in our map circle. Their Annie was a very pleasant and lovable little woman and another one of the world's best cooks. The writer will always remember the good Sunday vivitin' dinners that he had at her house when he was a small boy. Their farm laid in the part of Decatur County shown in the circle of our map.

Their children:

Howard Farmer (D) Doris Farmer
Sussie Head (D) Bruce Harris

Susan Harris
Marilee Harris
Bruce Harris

The writer remembers Howard as a tall, dark and handsome young man. Slender built. He was pleasantly and harmlessly devilish. He was an extra good student

and with seemingly little effort on his part. We can recall how fascinated we were many years ago, watching him write equally well with either his right or left hand.

Robert P. McKee Jr.
Barbara Thudler

Pamela McKee
Robert T. McKee

Effie Parmer
Robert McKee

Howard C. McKee
Mary Alice Wilson

1895 - 1950

Dotty Parmer

Evertt I. Parmer (D)

Mamie Armstrong

Thomas R. Parmer

Brenda Sue Parmer

Helen Heinoy

Evertt, affectionately known as "E.I." was a very likeable and fun-loving boy and man. A good baseball player in his youth and he never lost his love for the game. He was a short stout man like his father and also had his father's ability with machinery. He was a master mechanic with a large construction ~~machinery~~ equipment. He died at his home in Anderson, Ind. with Angina heart.

Mabelle Parmer

Grace Parmer

J. Patrick Ryan II

J. Patrick Ryan

Teddy Parmer 1903 - 1908

Teddy died as a very small boy, with Tuberculous Meningitis, after spending his short life as an invalid. He was a very sweet little fellow and accepted his fate in a very commendable manner. He looked and acted like his mother.

Martha Parmer 1862 - 1938

John Harding 1851 - 1935

Martha, affectionately known as "Mam", was a small, highly intelligent woman, extra neat and clean about her person as well as her house. She worked hard and managed well. She spoke with a soft pleasing voice and was a very interesting conversationalist. The writer knew little of John Harding, but remembers him as a well built man of a quiet nature.

Their children:

Opal Thomas
Harold Aichinger

Betty Aichinger
William Butler

Thomas Wm. Butler

Marilyn Jane Aichinger
Charles Amos

Susan Jane Amos
Janis Kay Amos

Dysa E. Harding

David Thomas Jr. (D)

Donald Thomas Aichinger

David Carl Aichinger

Carl Thomas
Audrey Hightower

Lonie Edward Thomas

1889 - 1946

Halsey C. Harding (D)

Ruby McCray

"Hal" was a good looking, well built young man and of serious nature. He was athletic and liked to play baseball. He married and settled in Indianapolis. He suffered a stroke, which resulted in heart failure and caused his death.

Wilma Dale Harding (D)

1903 - 1927

Dale was a bright, likeable, mischievous fun-loving child. She was a very good student and excelled in all school games. She had just grown to be a promising young woman when she was stricken with Spinal Meningitis, which caused her death.

Isaac and Clarisa Parmer
(cont.)

Willie B. Parmer 1868 - 1883
(died of typhoid fever)

Silas Parmer 1870 - 1870

Rose Parmer 1872

James Comley 1865 - 1911

Rose, the only child of Isaac and Clarisa still living of this November 30th, 1951, has been deaf and speechless since birth, but like so many other wonderful people born with a handicap, she has made for herself a full and useful life.

The writer's mother was pleased to tell us about her too, for they were very good friends, played together when girls and grew up together. She tells us that Rose was pretty, shapely and very lovable, with a sense of humor like her father. She was an artist with fancy work needles and designed many of her own patterns. She had to get her education the hard way, at a special school in Indianapolis, but she came thru with what she started out to get.

She married James Comley, also deaf and speechless, but a fine man and she gave birth to a fine normal son and she called his name Isaac. The names of Isaac and Joseph, as the record shows, were definitely, Parmer "preferred stock".

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| Isaac Comley | Wilma Comley | Ladonna Gale Hardy |
| Goldie Mae Chatman | H. P. Hardy Jr. | |
| | Gladys Comley | |
| | Richard L. Hampton | |

Isaac and Clarisa Parmer
(cont.)

Dolpha Parmer 1874 - 1876

Arla May Parmer 1880 - 1883

Those of us born with Parmer blood, wish to express our sincere appreciation of the many wonderful in-law relatives, living and deceased, who have helped to perpetuate and improve the Parmer blood with the good blood of their own birth.

December 20th, 1951

Thus concludes the writing of the Family Tree Record of Rebecca, Jesse and Isaac, children of Joseph Parmer 1800 - 1867 and Ruth Moody Parmer 1798 - 1872.

With continued life and your help, I will write the record of the other children of Joseph and Ruth and send you a copy of that also.

As soon as it is possible for me to do so, I will go to Iowa, spend time there and try to locate some descendants of our "lost" James and John Parmer. I will check the possibility of the Peter Parmer mentioned in early land transfer records of Decatur County, Ind., as another child of our Joseph and Ruth.

In the meantime, should any of you happen to be in Iowa, drop in at any County Court House, take a look at their land transfer records, any County Doctor or Nurse's office, look at death records. Any Auto License Bureau and see if you can find some Parmer names and addresses and send them to me. I will be very grateful and I will give you the credit in the record.

Make sure of course that the name is spelled P A R M E R and not P A L M E R as so many think our name should be spelled.

Sincerely yours, with Best personal wishes

By Hobart Parmer
R.7 Greensburg, Ind.

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